



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Ken-ichi NAKAYA

Serial No.: 10/078,406

Group Art Unit: 2839

Filed: February 21, 2002

Examiner: Prasad, Chandrika

For: TAPE OPTICAL FIBER CORD WITH OPTICAL FIBER ARRAY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2003, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1, 19, 20, and 22 have been canceled, and claims 4, 7, 18, and 23 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.